

Raffle items include, a Remington 30-06 rifle and two Antique Street lanterns originally from Biltmore Fashion Park in Phoenix. Tickets are \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00.

The Butcher Hook, which is sponsoring the event, will provide food, fun, music and games. An auction and a 50/50 drawing will also be held.

Donations for the auction and raffle may be taken to the fire department stations in Puntkin Center and Roosevelt. Arrangements can also be made for pick up. Monetary donations are always welcome.

Contact Mary Hayhome at 928-479-2188 or 928-595-2190, or Vicki Foltz at 928-200-0160 for more information.

Annual Cow Drop Festival

Beta Sigma Phi's Zeta Eta Chapter will sponsor the annual cow drop festival on Saturday, April 28 at Roosevelt Resort from noon until 4:00 p.m.

First prize is \$700.00, second place is 350.00, third will win \$275.00 and fourth place will take home \$175.00. Tickets can be purchased from any Zeta Kappa member. For more information, call 928-467-2386. Proceeds will benefit the sorority's scholarship fund.

Attorney General Visits Globe

Attorney General, Terry Goddard, along with County Attorney, Daisy Flores, participated in Gila County events this past Thursday in an effort to educate, protect and empower Arizona's consumers. The events and meetings included the 10th Annual Pinal-Gila Elder Abuse Conference held at the Apache Gold Casino Conference Center, the Senior Center Consumer Protection Presentation held at the City of Globe Senior Center, and a CUT IT OUT presentation for domestic violence awareness held at the Adobe Ranch Wellness Spa.

"Prevention is the best way to stop criminals. By giving Arizonans information about consumer fraud and resources available for help, more people will spot the red flags and protect themselves and their loved ones," said Terry Goddard.

The Arizona Attorney General's Community Services Program provides educational programs that focus on consumer fraud, protection of civil victim's rights and other topics affecting the most vulnerable members of the community as well as the general population.

There are currently 26 Satellite Offices throughout Arizona which provide community-based venues that make it easier for residents to access information. The Satellite Offices include locations in Apache Junction, Florence and Payson. A corps of volunteers generously donates their time to enable these services in the communities. These volunteers make educational presentations for community groups, distribute education materials at community events and assist individuals with filing complaints or referrals for assistance.

Attorney General Goddard's Consumer Protection Initiatives include identity theft, phishing & pharming, predatory lending, buying new and used cars, telemarketing rip-offs, home



repair scams and sweepstakes lottery fraud. Initiatives addressing the Protection of Civil Rights include discrimination in housing, public accommodation, voting, employment and disability.

For more information including volunteer work, contact the Arizona Attorney General's Office Community Services Program, Public Advocacy Division, 1275 West Washington Street Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Contact numbers: 602.542.2123 (Phoenix); 520.628.6504 (Tucson); 1.866.358.6661 (outside Maricopa County); 602.364.1970 (fax); email: communityservices@azag.gov

Complaint forms and instructions for filing are on the Attorney General's Website at www.azag.gov. You may also contact the Attorney General's Consumer Information and Complaints Office in Phoenix at 602.542.5763, in Tucson at 520.628.6504 or outside Maricopa and Pima Counties at 1.800.352.8431.

To stay ahead of the rapidly changing consumer scams and schemes, sign up for Scam Alerts on the Attorney General's Website (www.azag.gov).

Goddard Marks Beginning of Second Term in Office

Terry Goddard graced us with his charm and contagious smile at an inaugural reception hosted at the Cobre Valley Country Club in Globe to mark the beginning of his second term as Attorney General.

Goddard spoke about his campaign to educate, protect and empower Arizona consumers. Silent crime in Arizona, a major topic of concern, was addressed along with a program referred to as the "Arizona Meth Project," which will kick off next month.

Goddard told those present that "the program will target 12 to 17 year-olds

and the goal is to keep them from trying meth in the first place." He added that "it is one of the toughest addictions to get away from."

The destructive impact of methamphetamine in Arizona has been staggering. Meth devastates not only those using the drug, but also family, friends and neighbors. More than 12.3 million Americans (approximately 5.2% of the population) have tried the extremely addictive drug and 1.5 million are regular users. The Arizona Attorney General's Internet Safety Initiative was also addressed by Goddard, who specifically cited myspace.com, a popular site of millions of teens across the world.

While Goddard recognized the Internet as an enormous resource and one of the major technological achievements of our lifetime, he addressed concerns with regard to safety. "Protecting children from Internet predators and scam artists is a very serious responsibility, because most children are ahead of their parents in their knowledge of computers and

the Internet," he said.

Goddard also spoke of "Cyberbullying," used in Internet chat rooms, email, instant messaging and Web sites to embarrass, threaten or intimidate a child. "Technology allows them to share gossip, spread lies or distribute embarrassing pictures to a wide audience while maintaining some anonymity, which has lead to suicides, violent episodes, and/or psychological damage. We must work as a community to help and educate young people," stated Goddard.

If your school, church, or community group would like a presentation on Internet Safety, please contact the Attorney General Community Services Program at 602.542.2123 (1.866.358.6661 outside Maricopa County) or community services@azag.gov.

If you suspect your child is communicating with an online sexual predator, immediately contact the CyberTipline at www.cybertipline.com

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